

Luke Cunningham is President of West Side Hammer Electric Inc. Luke was born and raised in Bethlehem, Pa where he still currently lives with his wife Dona. They have a daughter, Meagan, who is 26, and a 3 year old grandson, Braden Luke, both also from Bethlehem. Luke graduated from Keystone Junior College in 1977 and then went on to the University Of Hartford and graduated with a Business Administrative and Electrical Construction Management Degree in 1978.

Luke is the third generation of Cunningham's to own West Side Hammer Electric. He started working for his grandfather and father at West Side Electric Service Inc., full time as an Electrician/Project Manager/Estimator. In 1984 he went on to purchase his own electrical contracting business, R.L. Hammer Electric. In 2000, the two family companies merged together making Luke President of West Side Hammer Electric Inc.

Community Involvement and Industry Involvement has always been a top priority to him. Luke is currently President of NECA (National Electrical Contractors Association) Penn Del Jersey Chapter. He is the Chairman of the Joint Apprentice and Training Committee, and also sits on the Labor Management Committee for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 375. He is a Board Member and Vice Chairman of the Bethlehem Area School District Authority. Luke is Vice Chairman of the Lehigh Valley Work Force Investment Board, and Chairman of the Bethlehem Economic Development Corporation (BEDCO). He is a Board Member and past Chairman of Skills USA Council and Board Member of the Bethlehem Rotary. In the Bethlehem Rotary he is responsible for the Vocational Awareness Program. Luke is the Chairman for the City of Bethlehem Electrical Board and also the Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School Joint Authority Chairman. He established a scholarship for outstanding co-op students from BAVTS in honor of his grandparents, the Founders of West Side Hammer Electric, Luke and Barbara Cunningham for the Bridges Foundation. Lastly, Luke is also Board Members for the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation and the City of Bethlehem Civil Service Board of Engineers and Electricians.

While under Luke's guidance the company has received many awards. In 1998, R.L. Hammer Electric was selected as Small Business of the Year. In 2005 Luke was honored with the Frank L. Marcon Award, for being a distinguished leader in the Lehigh Valley. In 2012 & 2014 West Side Hammer Electric was selected by the Morning Call for the Reader's Choice "Best Electrical Contractor" Award. In 2013 West Side Hammer Electric was name "Business of the Year" by the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce. In 2014 West Side Hammer Electric also won the Lehigh Valley Magazine "Best of the Valley" Award as "Best Electrician."